desiceated coconut project and coconut milk has been received.

9. Schemes for financial assistance from industries Department of Government of Mizoram for expansion of 7 upgrading of existing food preservation/establishment of another food processing plan/establishment of fruit & vegetable processing facilities has been received.

10. Proposal from Government of West Bengal for Central assistance for implementation of Pian Scheme of fruit & vegetable units (four locations) has been received.

11. Proposal from West Bengal Government for financial assistance for setting up a factory of tomato products by the manab Samiti has been received.

12. 4 schemes from Government of West Bengal for financial assistance for development of infrasturcture for mushrooms cultivation & processing in West Bengal has been received.

13. Proposal from Agricultural Department of Government of Orissa regarding establishment of Pickles manufacturing units by Orissa Agro Industries Corporation as a Joint Venture with M/s. Indana Food & Spices Limited for financial assistance has been received.

14. Proposal from Agriculture Department of Orissa Government for revival & expansion of CHATIKONA Fruit Processing Unit in Koraput Distt. of Orissa by the OIDC for financial assistance has been received.

15. Financial assistance sough by Agriculture Department of Orissa & Project Report on Tomati & Mango Processing in Keonsahar Distt. of Orissa.

Employees in News Division of Doordarshan

4008. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of causal, temporary, part-time and regular employees working in the News Division of Doordarshan; category-wise; and

(b) the category-wise number of persons belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes among them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The various Doordarshan Kendras engage casual hands, temporary and par time employees for discharging various responsibilities in the news set up on a day to day basis depending upon their requirement. The information in respect of such employees is not maintained centrally in a compiled form. However, the details of the staff recruited exclusively for the work connected with news is given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

	TV NEWS STAFF	*Total Number of posts*	*No. of Officers belonging to SC/ST*
	1	*2*	*3*
1.	TV News Correspondent (Artist)	19	4
2.	TV Asstt. News Correspondent (Artist)	27	5
3.	TV Asstt. News Editor (Artist)	6	2
4.	TV News Reporter (Staff Artist)	8	Nil
5.	News Presenter (Staff Artist)	6	Nil

STAFF ON DEPUTATION FROM INDIAN INFORMATION SERVICE

GRADE	*Total No. of posts*	*SC/ST*
S.A.G. (Holding ex-cadre post)	1	Nil
J.A.G.	2	1
Sr. Grade	20	3
Jr. Grade Gp 'A'/		
Sr. Grade Gp. 'B'	51	3